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SUBJ: ABU DHABI REFINES PLANS FOR NEW REFINERY AT JABEL DHANNA
PETROCHEMICAL COMPLEX

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SUMMARY: ABU DHABI DECIDES ON ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW
120,000 B/D FUELS REFINERY AT JABEL DHANNA PETROCHEMICAL
COMPLEX. IN OCTOBER THEY WILL DIRECTLY SOLICIT TENDER
FROM PRE-SELECTED LIST OF CONSULTANTS FOR REFINERY DESIGN.
END SUMMARY.

1. PROJECT MANAGER OF ABU DHABI NATIONAL OIL CO. AVADNOCL
BRIEFED EMBOFFS SEPT. 23 LATEST ADNOC THINKING FOR
ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW 120,000 B/D FUEL OIL REFINERY.
SITE IS TO BE AT RUWAIS APPROXIMATELY 200 KM FROM ABU
DHABI TOWN AND WILL BE PART OF ENVISAGED PETROCHEMICAL
COMPLEX NEAR ON SHORE OIL EXPORT TERMINAL OF JABEL DHANNA.
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ADNOC TO INVITE TENDERS IN OCTOBER FROM PRE-SELECTED LIST OF CONSULTANTS FOR DESIGN OF 500 MILLION DOLLAR, 3 1/2 YEAR PROJECT. ADNOC OFFICIAL TOLD EMBOFFS THAT SOME US FIRMS WOULD BE INVITED.

2. REFINERY WILL HAVE INITIAL CAPACITY OF 120,000 B/D WITH EXPECTED INCREASE AT LATER DATE TO 240,000. REFINERY WILL NOT PRODUCE LUBE OILS. A LOADING ERMIGV NAL WILL BE CONSTRUCTED AT SAME TIME TO RECEIVE CRUDE SUPPLY FROM OFF SHORE AS WELL AS ON SHORE SOURCES, TO SERVICE NORTHERN EMIRATES BY TANKER AND FOR HOPED FOR EXPORT OF SOME OF PRODUCTION.

3. PRELIMINARY FEASIBILITY STUDY AND MAREKT SURVEY, FOR REFINERY WAS DONE BY FRENCH GROUP BEICIP. OVERALL CONSULTANTS TO ADNOC ON TWO BILLION DOLLARS PLUS COMPLEX ARE A.D. LITTLE. COMMENT: NEWS ABOUT REFINERY MARKS ANOTHER STEP TOWARDS REALIZATION OF JABEL DHANNA COMPLEX, LARGE SCALE

INDUSTRIALIZATION VENTURE UNDERTAKEN IN ABU DHABI. AT SAME TIME, REFINERY SIZE HAS BEEN SCALED DOWN FROM INITIAL (MARCH 1975) ESTIMATES OF 230,000 B/D REFLECTING DAWNING RECOGNITION THAT MARKETS ASWELL AS LOCAL RESOURCES ARE NOT UNLIMITED. PEALE

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